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THE EAST DEAN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council Offices,
Cinderford, Glos.
August, 1944.

To the Chairman and Councillors
of the East Dean Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Annual Report for 1943.

We have the honour to present to you the report on the health conditions in the district during the year 1943.

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, much has been left out, but it is thought that the more important matters have been dealt with.

Vital Statistics.

	Legitimate.	Illegitimate.	Total.
Live births			
Male	211	13	224
Female	175	10	185
Still Births			
Male	9	0	9
Female	6	1	7
Death of Infants under 1 year of age:-			
Male	12	2	14
Female	4	3	7
Deaths			
Male	132		
Female	116		248
Excess of births over deaths	164		

Birth rate - 20 per 1,000 population.
Death rate - 12.1 per 1,000 population.

Registrar General's estimate of population 20,010.

Chief causes of death.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Tuberculosos	9	6	15
Cancer	21	13	34
Heart Disease	28	36	64
Pneumonia	8	3	11
Nephritis	7	3	10
Violent Causes	8	3	11
Influenza	3	1	4
Bronchitis	9	7	16

Infectious diseases.

	0-5.	5-15.	15 & over.	Total.	No. of cases removed to Hospital.
Scarlet Fever	14	20	3	37	26
Whooping Cough				31	
Acute Pneumonia				4	
Diphtheria	4	2	6	12	12
Erysipelas				4	
Measles				113	
Puepperal Pyrexia				3	

Tuberculosos.

Total number of cases notified during 1943.....46
Pulmonary 26. Non-pulmonary 20.

Number on the Register.....205.
Males....124 Females.....81

Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non-pulmonary.
45	79 (2)	47	34

Scabies. During 1943 the number of cases of scabies had decreased considerably. Most of these were treated successfully at Greenway Hospital. All notified cases were visited by me at their homes.

Immunisation.

Number of children immunised during the year was...1053.

Under 5.	5-15.	Estd. child population. Under 5.	5-15.	Percentage.
472	581	1,770	3,617	57 and 87.

There was again no serious outbreak of infectious diseases.

During the year the Scarlet Fever and measles were of a mild type and the number of cases of diphtheria was very low, 13 in all. The latter were in the following groups:-

1-5.	5-15.	Over 15.
4	2	6

In the 1-5 group, all were immunised and all were carriers with no clinical signs of Diphtheria.
The only case in the 5-15 group which was a true Diphtheria was not immunised.

H.H.SUMPTION,
Acting Medical Officer of Health.
East Dean R.D.C.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT 1943.

Refuse. The Council undertakes the collection of refuse for the greater part of the Township of East Dean and contracts were renewed for the Blakeney Hill Ward, the Soudley portion of the Ruspidge Ward and the Ruardean Woodside portion of Drybrook Ward. Also the contracts were renewed for the parishes of Awre, Littledean and Mitcheldean.

Drainage Work.

4 new connections to the public sewers were made, and water closets provided in lieu of pail closets.

2 shops had improvements made in the sanitary and lavatory accommodation.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

201 visits were made to cowsheds and dairies at which many producers were advised to try and hold an accredited licence.

25 samples were taken of which 16 were good, 2 fair and 6 were poor. The latter were revisited and advised, after which, further samples showed an improvement.

Infectious Diseases.

48 rooms were fumigated after infectious diseases.

Bug Infestation.

2 cases of bug infestation were dealt with satisfactorily.

Meat and other Foods.

The following quantity of foods were dealt with:-

[illegible] tins of corned meat & luncheon meat
26 tins of Fish
17 tins of fruit
34 tins of peas
32 tins of milk
100 cartons of rusks
28 lbs. of fish
360 Duck eggs.

All meat foods found unfit for food were sent to the slaughterhouse to be disposed of for the extraction of fat.

Government Slaughter House.

Killing took place on 256 days of the year.

The number of animals slaughtered and examined [illegible]

Cattle	1,709	Sheep & Lambs	6,099
Calves	1,386	Pigs	139

The following was found to be unfit for human consumption:-

15 carcases of cattle and their offal
2 calves
2 sheep
1 pig
1,317 lbs. of beef
108 bovine heads
159 " lungs
175 " livers
245 sheep's livers
8 pig's heads.

Bakehouses.

26 visits were made to bakehouses.

A.W.COLLINSON
Sanitary Inspector.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT, 1943.

During the year the water pumped from the Greenbottom Pumping Station to the Service Reservoirs again shows an increase on previous years, the meters on the rising main having recorded 15,378,123 gallons. This figure is an increase of 1½ million gallons over last year, and an increase of 3 million gallons over the pre-war quantity. Just over 2 million gallons of this quantity has been supplied to the Joys Green area of West Dean Rural District.

The number of meters for non-domestic and trade purposes is 90, - 30 of this number being supplies to dairy farmers.

Sewers and sewage disposal. The sewage purification works at East Dean, Mitcheldean and Littledean have been working satisfactorily, and the sewers in these districts have been maintained very well, notwithstanding the difficulties experienced by the shortage of suitable labour.

Housing. No housing by private exterprose has been carried out during this year.

Canteens have been erected at Eastern United Colliery for the benefit of the workers, and the Gloucestershire County Education Committee have submitted proposals for alterations and additions at the following Schools for the feeding of the schoolchildren:-

Ruardean C. of E. Schools
Drybrook Schools . . .
Plump Hill "
Steam Mills " , and a canteen has been built at Bilson Schools.

Approval has been granted for the erection of a garage, and an extension granted for the enlargement of an existing garege.

H.W.WOOLFORD,

Surveyor & Water Engineer.